Midland College Syllabus
College Level ESL
ESL 0373

Course Description: A course designed for students who desire increased writing skills. This course will concentrate on writing, vocabulary building, language development, literature, and diction to insure college readiness. The class will explore literature though fiction and non fiction, drama, short stories and poetry. Vocabulary building will be a combination of TOEFL and literature words.

Text, References, and Supplies: The student is required to bring a notebook, writing supplies, a floppy disk and note cards to the class. Literature text is Voices and Values, Janet Goldstein, Townsend Press.

Course Goals/Objectives: Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:
- Understand author’s tone and purpose
- Comprehend stylistic differences between authors
- Grasp diction skills
- Create an understanding between vocabulary and written intent
- Understand the cultural aspects of languages within their historical contexts

Student Contributions/Policies: The student will be responsible for regular, prompt attendance in the scheduled class as well as completion of supplemental hours in the language lab. College attendance policies apply. The course is dependant upon student participation. Fluency, and knowledge cannot be developed or obtained unless English is spoken regularly and accurately.

Performance/Evaluation: Students will be actively involved in recording their progress and monitoring their advancement through AZTEC, USA Today or similar newspaper reading, writing assignments, diction assignments, and classroom performance. The lab portion of the class will be devoted to writing, listening and reading activities on the computer, vocabulary building, and AZTEC. For students enrolled in more than one class, 3 hours each week is the combined total of hours needed to complete the weekly requirement. However, the more time a student spends in lab, the greater his success will be in acquiring the language fluency he or she desires. Grading will be according to attendance and lab completion.

Americans With Disabilities Act Statement:
ADA Statement—The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be denied access to, or the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by any program or activity provided by an institution or entity receiving federal financial assistance. It is this Section 504 mandate that has promoted the development of disability support service programs in colleges and universities across the country. Subpart E of Section 504 deals specifically with this mandate for institutions of higher education. While it does not require that special educational programming be developed for students with disabilities, it does require that an institution (public or private) be prepared to make appropriate academic adjustments and reasonable accommodations in order to allow the full
participation of students with disabilities in the same programs and activities available to nondisabled students.

**Learner Support and Accessibility**

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. To receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/ Disability Specialist. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining any reasonable accommodations. The student must present the letter to the instructor at the beginning of the semester. Disability Services: For more information on MC special services see this web site: [http://catalog.midland.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=644](http://catalog.midland.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=644) or call (432)685-5598. A complete handbook for students with disabilities is available in the Scharbauer Student Center. Information, forms, and resources are available on the MC website.

As with all classes, the instructor reserves the right to make changes as needed to facilitate the students’ learning.

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